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PREVIOUSLY...

High above the planet's surface drifts the mysterious Angel Island, whose master emerald allows this lost continent to stay freely afloat amongst the clouds. But the price of freedom is eternal vigilance, and that's where the Chaotix come in – a team of friends who protect Angel Island and the Master Emerald from the forces of evil!

Months ago, Espio the Chameleon was revealed to be a ninja spy from a far-away clan called the Shinobi. Espio came clean to his team, and revealed that he had been secretly collecting information on each team member – one of those revelations was that Mighty the Armadillo's long-thought-dead sister was actually still alive! Mighty left the team along with Ray the Flying Squirrel in the hopes of finding his sister and re-uniting his family. Mighty and Ray kept in touch with their teammates for a time, but recently the letters stopped coming, so the Chaotix ventured to the last known location of their friends – the Kingdom of Mercia!

A battle quickly ensued with Eggman's forces in the region and the Mercian chapter of Freedom Fighters, lead by expert-archer Bow Sparrow. Bow revealed that Mighty and Ray had already been and gone, and that their next stop remained a mystery. Both teams of heroes must now infiltrate the Castle of Lord Hood, Eggman's sub-boss in the region, **in the hopes of discovering the whereabouts of the wayward Mighty and Ray**

AND freeing the captured Mercian people...

WHO'S WHO

VECTOR
THE CROCODILE
CHAOTIX DE FACTO LEADER

ESPIO
THE CHAMELEON
CHAOTIX NINJA

CHARMY BEE
VETERAN CHAOTIX FLYER

LORD
MORDRED HOOD
USURPER TYRANT KING

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PROLOGUE: OIL OCEAN REFINERY

FOR THE BARON!

WHAT THE--?!

Whoa!

HOOO-WEEE!

FLEX, YOU ARE MAH KIND OF GUY! HOW DID WE LIVE WITHOUT YOU?

YOU KNOW ME, BOSS. JUST EARNING MY KEEP...

"...WHILE I'M LOOKING FOR ANSWERS."

UNDER LORD HOOD'S CASTLE...

ALL FOR ONE PART 2

ONGOING INVESTIGATION!!

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LOOKS LIKE THIS IS WHERE WE SPLIT UP. WE'LL FIND THE COMPUTER ROOM.

AYE, AND WE'LL HEAD TO THE DUNGEONS ANON. HAPPY HUNTING.

VECTOR
CHAOTIX LEADER

BOW SPARROW
ARCHER AND LEADER OF THE MERCIAN FREEDOM FIGHTERS

CLANG

CLANG

HRRGHH!! REALLY WISH I HAD MIGHTY OR KNUX HERE RIGHT NOW!

I FOUND A SWITCH!

CHARMY CHAOTIX FLYER

MANUAL RELEASE

I'LL SEE IF THERE'S ANOTHER SWITCH!

THERE'S NO POINT. LORD HOOD KNOWS WE'RE HERE. HIS FORCES MEANT TO TRAP US HERE. WE'LL TAKE THE WARP RING BACK, AND...

DO WHAT? WAIT FOR ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY? THIS IS THE FURTHEST WE'VE MADE IT INTO THE CASTLE IN *MONTHS*.

"THE ROAD MAY BE TREACHEROUS, I SHALL NOT FEAR."

ESPIO CHAOTIX SPY

FRIAR BUCK HOLY MAN

SECOND GATE'S OPEN!

THE ENEMY CAN MONITOR OUR MOVEMENTS...YET HE SPRINGS A CAGE-TRAP INSTEAD OF A DEATH-TRAP?

BOW, CAN YOU VISUALIZE THE DUNGEONS?

VERILY. TIS WHERE MY KING AND MENTOR FOUND AND FREED ME!

GOOD. VECTOR, GIVE HIM THE WARP RING. BOW, TAKE YOUR TEAM AND BEGIN PREPARING THE PRISONERS FOR ESCAPE.

YOU SURE ABOUT THIS? I THOUGHT WE DIDN'T WANT TO USE IT HERE AT THE RISK OF LOSING IT TO EGGMAN'S GOONS.

THE OLD PLAN FELL APART THE MINUTE *THEY* TRAPPED US IN HERE. THIS IS A NEW PLAN.

IT BETTER BE A *GOOD* PLAN, AND NOT YOU RUNNING OFF TO JOIN THE BAD GUYS AGAIN.*

OKAY, WE NEED TO GET MOVING. JUST THINK OF WHERE YOU WANT TO GO AND GIVE IT A TOSS!

EDITOR'S NOTE - WARP RINGS ALLOW THEIR USER TO INSTANTLY TRANSPORT TO ANY LOCATION, SO LONG AS THE USER CAN VISUALIZE THAT LOCATION.

*CHECK SONIC UNIVERSE VOL.4 GRAPHIC NOVEL: ***JOURNEY TO THE EAST*** --COMING SOON!-PLUG-ITOR

BYE! GOOD LUCK!

NOW WE CONTINUE WITH OUR MISSION-- AS *LOUD* AS POSSIBLE!

I GET WHERE THIS IS GOING. LET'S FIND THAT COMPUTER ROOM, BOYS!

ALRIGHT! HANDS WHERE WE CAN SEE THEM! / LORD HOOD WANTS--

CREEEAK!

YOU SAW IT OPEN BY ITSELF, TOO, RIGHT?

THE LAST THING THIS LOUSY JOB NEEDS IS GHOSTS TO HAUNT THE--

G-G-GHOST!

AND CROCODILES IN THE SEWERS!!

RARGH!

AHH!

MEANWHILE-- CASTLE DUNGEONS

QUICKLY AND QUIETLY, ALL. OUR LACK OF INTERRUP-TION MUST BE THANKS TO OUR BOON COMPANIONS.

I'VE TAKEN A QUICK CENSUS. OUR KING, HIS FAMILY, AND THE CHAOTIX'S FRIENDS ARE NOT AMONG THE PRISONERS.

DANG IT! I HOPE THE CHAOTIX CAN FIND SOMETHIN' THEN!

CAREFUL. YOUR "KING'S SPEECH" IS SLIPPING.

OH! :AHEM!: CRY YOUR PARDON.

THANK YOU!

PRAISE THE WALKERS!

WHERE'S THE KING?

THE THRONE ROOM

FOR PITY'S SAKE, THERE'S ONLY THREE OF THEM./ *STOP THEM.*/ AND WHERE IS BOW AND HIS BAND OF IDIOTS? HOW DID THEY SLIP AWAY?!

LORD HOOD! THE EGGNET SAYS THAT THE GOLD PORTAL YOU SAW WAS MOST LIKELY A "WARP RING," A KIND OF MAGICAL TELEPORTER.

A TELE-PORTER? GET TROOPS TO THE DUNGEONS! **NOW!**

LORD MORDRED HOOD ADVISOR-TURNED-TYRANT

NOPE. NOT IN HERE. ANYBODY FOUND THE COMPUTER ROOM?

YOU SAID "BE LOUD!"

VECTOR! IF YOU ASK THAT ONE MORE TIME, I'LL--

I FOUND IT!

IT HAD SOME BAD GUYS, BUT I TOOK CARE OF THAT.

EGGNET

EXCELLENT WORK. I'LL TRY TO ACCESS THE EGGNET. YOU TWO SEAL THE DOORS.

uh...

IN-COMING!

LOOKS LIKE WE'LL JUST HAVE TO "SEAL" IT THE OLD-FASHIONED WAY...

THE POINT IS, THEY'RE NOT GETTING THROUGH.

THIS DOESN'T SEEM MUCH LIKE "SEALING."

I WISH YOU WERE HERE RIGHT NOW, NICOLE... I COULD USE YOUR HELP!

PASSWORD

BEHIND YOU!

HUH. THEIR PASSWORD IS "PASSWORD." AMATEURS. NOW TO FIND... UH-OH. VECTOR! CHARMY!

"YOU'RE NEEDED ELSE-WHERE!"

BAM

WELL! YOU HAVE MY THANKS, SPARROW. WHEN YOUR COWARDLY WOODSMAN-WHO-WOULD-BE-KING RAN AWAY, I FEARED I'D *NEVER* GET TO CRUSH AN IDIOT ARCHER BENEATH MY HEEL./

HE IS NO COWARD!! NOT E'EN EGGMAN WOULD TARGET THE KING'S SON AS YOU DID. FOR ONE OF HIS *PET DESPOTS*, THOU ART THE *BASEST*./

CLAP

CLAP

AND YOU'RE STILL TALKING LIKE HIM./ *DELIGHTFUL.* TAKE YOUR SHOT. YOU'VE ONLY MISSED ME SEVEN TIMES.

IF AT FIRST THOU DOES NOT *SUCCEED*...

TNT

AND THAT MAKES *EIGHT*--

KA-BOOM

BUCK! LEAD THE ESCAPE! WE WILL COVER YOU!

NOT SO FAST!

LORD HOOD!

THEY HAVE THE WARP RING!

GOT IT!

THORN THE LOP
HIGHLANDER LASS

♫ IN THE DEEPEST, DARKEST CELLS, THE FLAME OF HOPE SHONE BRIGHT! ♫ THEIR SPIRITS -- NEVER TRULY BROKEN -- ROSE UP TO JOIN THE FIGHT! ♫

OI!

YOU WARBLIN' *NITWIT*! WE'RE FIGHTIN' FOR OUR LIVES HERE!

♫ AMID THE DESPERATION, ONE MAN BROUGHT SOME LEVITY, WHICH -- IN TRUTH -- WAS JUST A FRONT, FOR HE KNEW THE SITUATION'S GRAVITY! ♫

ALAN QUAIL
MINSTREL

MUNCH RAT
A MILLER'S SON

♫ AND A HEY--

♫--NONNY--

♫--NONNY!♫

SHOW OFF.

THE CHAOTIX WERE RIGHT T'BE CAUTIOUS. WE CANNA LET HOOD GET HIS HANDS ON SOMETHING LIKE THIS!

THEN WE PUSH BACK THROUGH THE SEWERS. IF WE CAN USE THE WARP RING AGAIN SAFELY...

WHAT...?

EASY, M'LORD. WE'RE GETTING YOU OUT OF HERE.

ON YOUR KNEES!

NO...WILL NOT LOSE... NOT TO THEM!

FOR *TWO* GENERATIONS OF KINGS, I'VE TRIED TO BRING ORDER TO THIS LAND. PASSED UP, IGNORED, THE POPULACE *NEVER* PUT IN ITS PROPER PLACE...

YOU COULDN'T SAVE YOUR KING. YOU CAN'T SAVE THESE PEOPLE. YOU CAN'T EVEN SAVE YOURSELF!

WON'T... NEED... TO...

Tch. HOW COULD YOU POSSIBLY HOPE TO ESCAPE THIS--?

SURPRISE, SUCKAH!

THY TIMING IS IMPECCABLE!

WE'RE PRETTY GOOD AT THIS "HERO" THING. TIME TO GO, FOLKS!

:BRO-FIST:

EVERYONE HAS BEEN FREED. HELP EACH OTHER TO THE MAIN GATE. SUMMON THE LAST OF YOUR COURAGE AND STRENGTH, BROTHERS AND SISTERS.

DO YOURSELF A FAVOR AND STAY DOWN!

GET EVERY-ONE OUT OF HERE AND HEAD FOR THE OUTER WALL!

THE *OUTER* WALL? THROUGH THE MAIN COURTYARD? WE'LL BE COMPLETELY PRONE!

I DON'T GET IT EITHER, BUT ESPIO SAID HE HAD A PLAN.

"AND IT'LL BE GOOD. HOPEFULLY. MOST LIKELY."

COME ON... COME ON... LOAD FASTER...

YES!

A YOUNG ARMADILLO GIRL, MATCHING THE RESEARCH I DID EARLIER. LET'S SEE... SHE WAS ROBOTICIZED, SHE WAS SENT AS PART OF THE FORCES ATTACKING A PLACE CALLED SAND BLAST CITY. NOW THERE'S AN EGGMAN EMPIRE BASE IN THE BADLANDS NEARBY... AFTER BEING DEROBOTICIZED, SHE MUST'VE BEEN RECAPTURED AND LEGIONIZED INSTEAD...

BETTER YET, IT SHOWS FILES WERE ACCESSED FROM THIS TERMINAL RECENTLY. WHICH MEANS MIGHTY **WAS** HERE! WE FOUND HIS TRAIL!

RESEARCH ON MIGHTY'S SISTER *AND* THE MISSING MERCIAN KING IS COMPLETE. FAKE ORDERS HAVE BEEN SENT, AND NOT CORRECTED, SO THAT MEANS VECTOR DID HIS JOB!

NOW-- TO MAKE THE WAY OUT.

I'M SICK OF GUARDING THIS THING.

AND I'M SICK OF YOU WHINING.

IT'S JUST A GATE SWITCH!

WHICH DOES WHAT, GENIUS?

OPENS... THE GATE?

WHICH WOULD LET PEOPLE DO WHAT?

GET... OUT?

RIGHT. SO SHADDUP AND STAND GUARD.

BUT WE KNOW LORD HOOD'S GONNA CATCH THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS! HE'S HAD THIS TRAP PLANNED FOR A WHILE.

DID YOU GET A COMMAND TO MOVE?

...NO?

NO! SO SHADDUP AND DO YER JOB.!

KLUD

CLANK CLANK CLANK

DIDN'T I TELL YOU HE HAD A PLAN?

AND I WAS A VILLAIN FOR EVER DOUBTING!

KEEP UP THE PACE! WE'RE ALMOST THERE!

=Whew!= WE'VE MADE IT THIS FAR, BUT WE STILL HAVE TO GET THROUGH THE NEXT GATE *AND* ALL THE WAY INTO THE FOREST!

I KNOW. AND THE ENTIRE *G.O.O.N.* FORCE HAS BEEN ORDERED TO STAND JUST OUTSIDE THIS WALL.

WHAT?! THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN TAKE ON ALL OF THOSE KILLER ROBOTS!

I KNOW. **BOW!** IS THAT EVERY-ONE?

YEA, VERILY!

THEN CLOSE THE GATE!

THIS WAS YOUR PLAN? NOW WE'VE GOT THEIR HEAVY FORCES ALL OUTSIDE ONE WALL AND ALL THE GROUND TROOPS AT THE OTHER GATE.!! NOW WHAT?!

NOW?

WARP RING.

RIGHT THIS WAY, FRIENDS. A DIRECT SHOT TO HIDEAWAY-- AND FREEDOM!

Y'KNOW, I KEEP FORGETTING HOW HANDY THAT THING IS!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

ASK KNUCKLES ABOUT THE TIME HE WAS ONCE IN A DEATH TRAP, AND FORGOT TO USE IT.!* HIS FACE TURNS AS RED AS HIS FUR.!

*DON'T BELIEVE ESPIO? READ SONIC UNIVERSE VOL. 3 AND SEE FOR YOURSELF -- Ed.

STOP THEM!

AFTER THEM, YOU INCOMPETENT FOOLS!

YOUR HOSPITALITY HAS BEEN AS GRACIOUS AS EVER, M'LORD./ FARE THEE WELL!

FWABH

HIDDEN VILLAGE OF HIDEAWAY

WELL, THAT'S EVERYONE! BACK SAFE 'N' SOUND...

...DID YOU FIND ANYTHING USEFUL, MISTER BIG PLAN MAKER?

I DID. I KNOW WHERE TO LOOK FOR MIGHTY AND RAY NEXT./ AND I'M CONFIDENT WE WILL FIND THEM THIS TIME.

YES!

WE OWE YOU A DEBT OF HONOR, DEAR FRIEND. THOUGH, IF I MAY ASK ONE MORE THING OF YOU... PERCHANCE DIDST THOU FIND ANY NEWS OF OUR WAYWARD KING?

EGGMAN'S FORCES HAVE *NO* IDEA WHERE HE OR HIS WIFE AND CHILD ARE. THEY LOST THE TRAIL AT NEVER LAKE. THAT TELLS ME THE KING AND HIS FAMILY ARE ON THE MOVE AND BEING SMART. I'M SURE THEY'RE PLANNING SOMETHING!

AH! THEN THAT MEANS THEY... NAY, NEVER YOU MIND. 'TIS BITTER-SWEET NEWS, BUT TAKEN GLADLY. THANK YOU AGAIN.

AND YOU.

MAYBE ONCE THE TYRANTS ARE DRIVEN OUT, THEY CAN RETURN!

MAY IT BE SOON. PLEASE, TAKE YOUR REST FOR THE NIGHT. I MUST ATTEND TO MY PEOPLE, BUT MAKE YOURSELVES AT HOME.

NAH! THIS IS EVERYBODY'S VICTORY! C'MON, GRANNY--YOU AND YOUR PEOPLE DE-SERVE A PROPER "*WELCOME HOME*" PARTY!

THE NEXT DAY...

SAND BLAST CITY

WHY DID YOU WARP US SO FAR FROM THE CITY?

BECAUSE THE SAND BLASTERS HAVE A BAD REPUTATION. THE FEWER WHO SEE US USING THE WARP RING, THE BETTER./

AND IT GIVES VECTOR A CHANCE TO *WAKE UP.*

WHAT CAN I SAY? THEY KNOW HOW TO PARTY IN MERCIA! ANYWAY--*RELAX./* WE'RE GOING TO MEET MORE *FREEDOM FIGHTERS!* THEY CAN'T ALL BE BAD./

ACCORDING TO SONIC...

EH, HE PICKS A FIGHT WITH EVERY-ONE./ YOU TRUST KNUX, DON'T YOU?

HEY!

GAH!

SKRAW

WHAT HAVE WE *HERE?*

MORE INGRATES GETTIN' LOST ON THEIR WAY TO JOIN THE BARON? HOW ABOUT YOU TELL ME WHAT YOU'RE DOIN' IN MY TERRITORY? YOU'VE GOT THIRTY SECONDS, THEN WE *BEAT* IT OUT OF YOU--!/

THE TRAIL OF MIGHTY AND RAY HAS LED THE CHAOTIX RIGHT INTO THE CLUTCHES OF THE NASTY SAND BLASTERS GANG./ COME BACK NEXT TIME AS THE COLD TRAIL SUDDENLY HEATS UP./

MEANWHILE, CHECK OUT KNUCKLES AND THE TEAM FIGHTERS TEAM UP IN THE WORLD-SHAKING NEW SONIC THE HEDGEHOG STORY ARC *"ENDANGERED SPECIES"*./ AND DON'T FORGET THE SONIC SUPER SPECIAL MAGAZINE, SONIC SUPER DIGEST, & THE GRAPHIC NOVEL LIBRARY!

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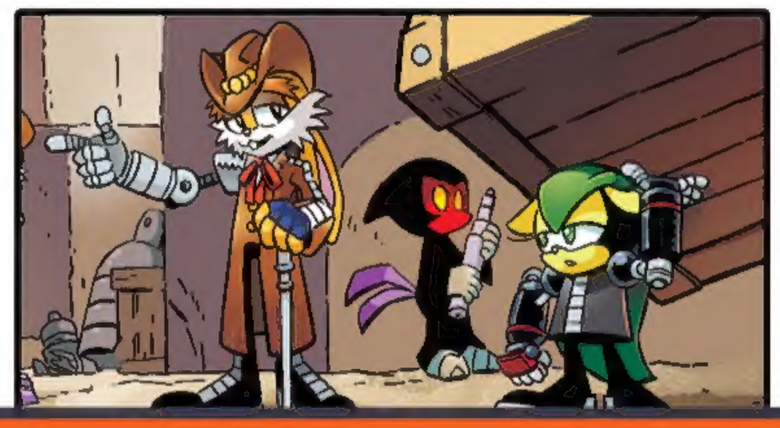
editorial commentary straight from 'Merica! I mean "Mercia"!

MIGHTY AND RAY, HERE WE COME!

Talk about world-spanning adventure – so far "Chaotix Quest" has taken us from deep in the forests of Mercia, straight to Sand Blast City! Gotta love warp ring technology, eh?

Jack Rabbit and his band of devious Sand Blast City Freedom Fighters haven't popped up since Sonic and Bunnie tore through back in Sonic the Hedgehog #217-218 (which, incidentally, you can read RIGHT NOW on the Sonic comic app! plugplugplug) and those two barely escaped with their lives! Those two issues also marked the first appearance of the Baron and Matilda, who (spoiler alert) will be playing a huge role in the remainder of this arc!



THE BARON AND MATILDA AS THEY APPEARED IN SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #217. AVAILABLE NOW ON THE SONIC COMICS APP! USE YOUR SMART PHONE TO SCAN THE CODE BELOW AND GET THE APP FOR FREE!

Over in our main title, Sonic the Hedgehog, the Knuckles-centric arc "Endangered Species" is in full swing! So make sure you pick those up to get your fill of all things Chaotix! And don't forget the Sonic Super Special Magazine and Sonic Super Digest titles – they've got some sweet sweet Chaotix action too!

DON'T MISS THE FOUR PART "ENDANGERED SPECIES" STORYLINE HAPPENING RIGHT NOW, ONLY IN SONIC THE HEDGEHOG ISSUES 243-246!

SEE YA NEXT MONTH! **- Paul**

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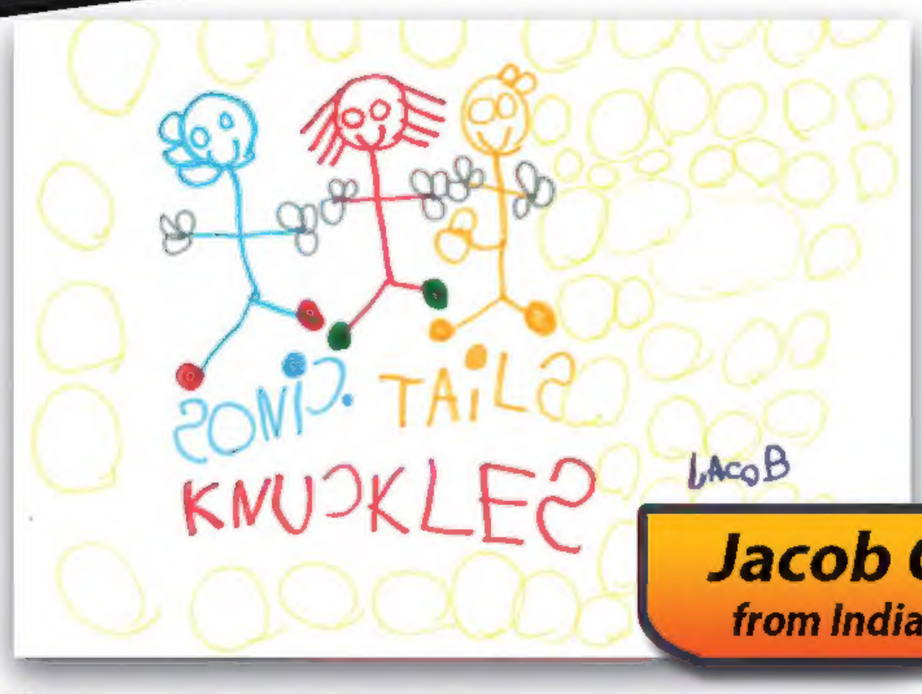

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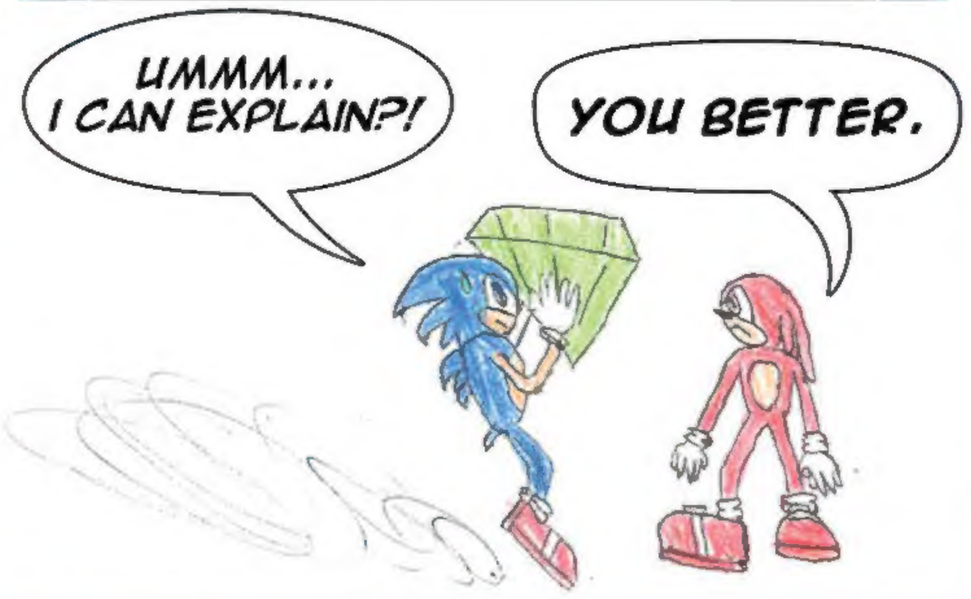

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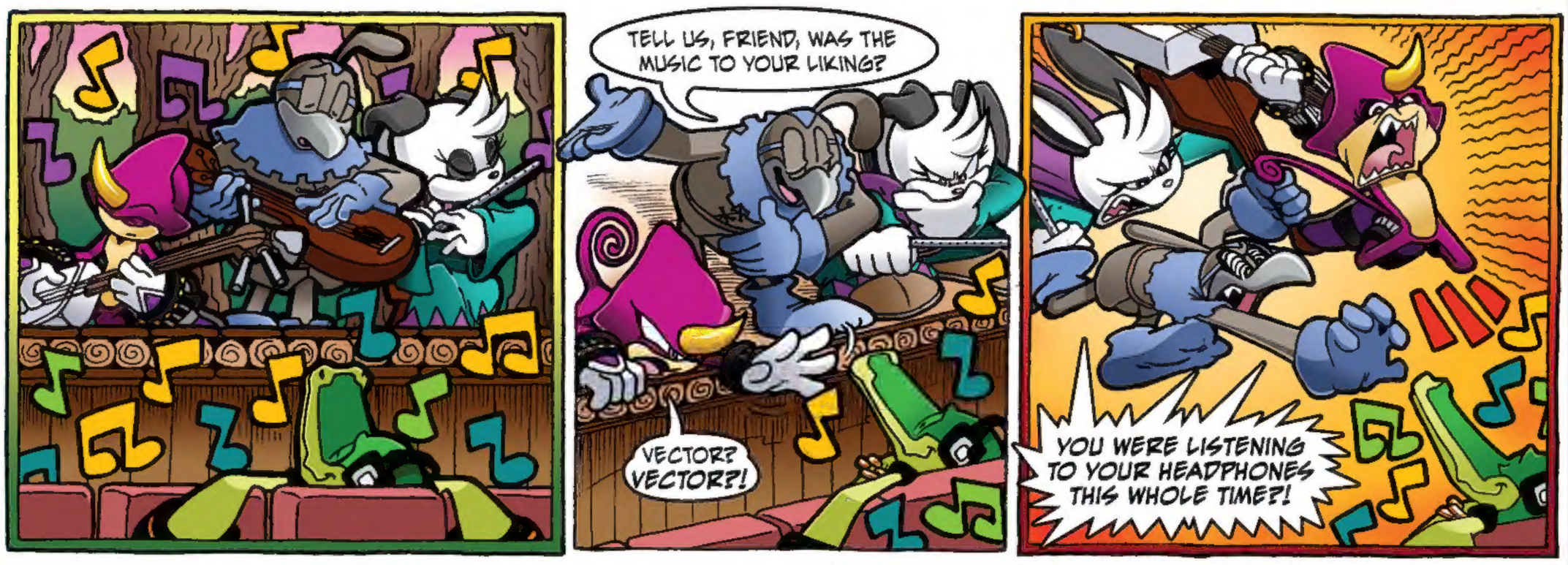

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IT'S A REAL BLAST!

OR IS IT? THE SEARCH FOR MIGHTY AND RAY PROVES DANGEROUS AS THE CHAOTIX MEET TROUBLE IN--

"ALL FOR ONE PART 3 (of 4)"

ON SALE THE WEEK OF 12/29 /12!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG: 244

THRASH AT THE DEVIL!

TERROR IS UNLEASHED ON THE ECHIDNA HOMELAND WHEN THRASH THE DEVIL MAKES AN UNEXPECTED RETURN IN

"ENDANGERED SPECIES" PART 2 (of 4)

ON SALE THE WEEK OF 1/8/13

Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'
First of all, I have to say that the Silver Saga was AWESOME!!!!!!!!!!!!! I have all four books of the Silver Saga. I just got the Shadow Saga recently and that one's really awesome, too!

It's the ultimate saga about the ultimate life form! Glad you enjoyed it!

Sonic Universe and Sonic the Hedgehog books are my number one favorite kind of comic books by far! May I ask two questions?

You may certainly have the usual!

Maria Robotnik, you know, Professor Gerald Robotnik's granddaughter, I'm trying to find a comic book that has a lot of her and Shadow in it but I'm not having much luck, do you have any suggestions? Because I want to know all about her!

See Maria's first appearance in STH #98 and witness Maria and Shadow's reunion in STH #171. Both are available now on the Sonic comics app! For more information on Maria and the rest of the comic cast, check out The Complete Sonic Comic Encyclopedia, available now!

Before I waste all of your time, I'd like to ask one last question. Does Shadow have anymore adventures after the Shadow Saga?

You can catch Shadow in the Sonic Universe arc, "Treasure Team Tango," issues 21-24, also available on the Sonic Comics app, and coming soon to Graphic Novel!!

Well, it's been so much fun writing to my favorite comic book company!

Sonic, Shadow, and Silver Fan,
Hannah Q.
sent to sonic@archiecomics.com

Thanks for the kind words, Hannah!

Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'
I just wanted to let you guys know that you're doing an amazing job on the comics as always! I like the new guy Shard. He's really hilarious!

Jessica V.
sent to sonic@archiecomics.com

Thank you, Jessica! You'll be seeing more Shard real soon! Keep up with the "Endangered Species" story arc happening right now in Sonic the Hedgehog where a certain metal hedgehog may or may not be making an appearance!!

Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'
This is my first send in and I only have one thing to ask so here it goes. Will there ever be any other mecha enemies for our heroes to fight?

Dr. Eggman has a whole slew of robots lined up for our heroes to fight! The best of the best are headed straight for our spring 2013 crossover event, "Worlds Collide," so get stoked!

Thats all for me, all I got to say is your comics are epic.

From your big fan,
Tyler R.
sent to sonic@archiecomics.com

Thanks for being an epic fan, Tyler!

Come on back in thirty to see what crazy antics arise in Sand Blast City. I can assure you that Jack Rabbit has a lot in store for the Chaotix!

See ya next time!

IT'S YOUR SONIC UNIVERSE!

We want <u>your</u> input! Write & tell us what you're likin', lovin', or what's leaving you in the dust! Remember, include "My Sonic Universe" in the subject line on your letter or e-mail! It's your Sonic Universe, after all, so drop us a line!